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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

As your child starts such an important year I wanted to provide some key information regarding opportunities and expectations.

## Revision and Intervention

The revision and intervention schedule begins on **September 15th** for all subjects. Revision sessions are open to all students, while intervention sessions are targeted for individuals identified by staff as needing additional support to maximise their success in the exams. If your child is invited to attend an intervention session, please ensure they are present.

Most sessions take place after school at **3:00pm**. While students are expected to begin revising independently at home, these sessions provide valuable support for those who find independent study challenging, as well as for those who would benefit from extra guidance from staff.

**Raising Achievement Evening on Thursday 16th October at 5:00pm**, we will be holding our **Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening**. This event is designed to provide students and parents with guidance and practical strategies as we approach the first set of mock examinations. Parental support is one of the most significant factors influencing student engagement and achievement, and your attendance will make a real difference.

The evening will include subject-specific information as well as sessions offering advice on how best to support your child in the lead-up to their exams.

## Reports

Year 11 will receive two reports during the next eight months. The first will be just before Christmas following the first set of mock exams. The second report will include the outcome from Mock 2 exams and will be issued at the end of March.

## Parents' Evening

There will be a subject parents' evening strategically placed after Mock 1 on 11th December and Mock 2 on 26th March can meet with their child's subject teachers to discuss their attainment and agree on targets for improvement. Parents/carers will receive booking information and instructions nearer to the date.



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## Mock Exam Dates

Mock Exams start on November 4th and last two weeks. When students undertake Mock Exams and practise different revision techniques, it removes the anxiety some students feel before the real exams, so it is best to start preparing early in the year, Tutors will be supporting Year 11 with plans for revision. The second round of Mock Exams start on 9th February 2026

## Assemblies

This year, we have introduced regular assemblies exclusively for Year 11 students. These sessions are designed to provide guidance and support throughout their final year of Key Stage Four. The programme includes a series of motivational assemblies covering a range of topics, such as effective revision strategies, developing a growth mindset, and exploring post-16 pathways including apprenticeships and Level 3 opportunities.

## Study Stay

Attendance for Year 11 students is compulsory until their final exam. For some this will be 26th June. From Monday 11th May Year 11 will have a new timetable that provides specific revision sessions before each exam. Attendance after half term remains compulsory and is crucial so that students can gain from the revision sessions that focus on the most likely content for the next papers.

## Holiday Revision and Intervention Sessions

During the February half term break, Easter and the May half term break there will be revision sessions arranged and the opportunity to use the quiet revision space in the library. Further information regarding each of the events above will be shared with you beforehand. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Biddle  
Vice Principal